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Honorable Elizabeth A. Pascal, U.S.M.J.  
U.S. District Court of New Jersey  
Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse  
4th & Cooper Streets Room 1050  
Camden, NJ 08101

*Re: Judith Govatos, et al v. Philip Murphy, et al.*  
*Case No. 1:23-CV-12601-RMB-EAP*  
***Request for 30-Day Extension of Time to Answer***

Dear Judge Pascal:

This office represents Defendants in the above-referenced matter. Plaintiffs filed their Complaint in this matter on August 29, 2023. (ECF 1). Pursuant to a Waiver of Service executed on September 29, 2023, Defendants have until November 21, 2023 to respond to Plaintiffs' complaint. (ECF 3).

Due to the substantial press of other work, and the need to give Plaintiffs' claims due attention and consideration, I respectfully request a 30-day extension of time to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint. With the 30-day extension, the new deadline for Defendants to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint will be Wednesday, December 21, 2023. This is Defendants' first extension request.

Our office has contacted Plaintiffs' counsel to request their consent for this extension request. Plaintiffs' counsel indicated that they were unwilling to consent.



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Thank you for Your Honor's attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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